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1. CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. ATTACKS: GUERRILLAS REMAIN ENTRENCHED IN POSITIONS WEST OF THE HOTEL SHERATON, AND RESIDENTS OF THESE AREAS REPORT CONTINUED FIRING AND BOMBING.

3. SECURITY OF USG EMPLOYEES: POST ESTIMATES THAT SEVERAL USG EMPLOYEES AND FAMILIES REMAIN TRAPPED IN GUERRILLA-OCCUPIED NEIGHBORHOODS. NAMES AVAILABLE AT THIS TIME ARE:

VINCENT CARVER
PETER TAYLOR
JOSE BARIRA
KENNETH ELLIS
RON MILLER
GEORGE MAYNES
MARK KARNS
GERALD NELL
FRANK SKOWRONSKY
ALEJANDRO MEDINA
STU JONES
KATHY O'MEARA

POST HAS MADE CONTACT WITH ALL BUT ONE OF THEM. NO INJURIES HAVE BEEN REPORTED, AND NO CONFIRMED CONTACT WITH GUERRILLAS. POST HAS ADVISED EMPLOYEES TO REMAIN IN SECURE AREA FOR THE EVENING. WE WILL TRY TO GET THEM OUT 11/30.

ADMIN COUNSELOR WAS SUCCESSFUL IN GETTING GREEN CROSS TO EXTRACT WALTERS AND BECK FAMILIES FROM THE GUERRILLA-INFESTED AREA. BOTH FAMILIES ARE CURRENTLY SAFE AND IN THE EMBASSY.

4. SECURITY USG EMPLOYEES: USG EMPLOYEES AND DEPENDENTS HAVE BEEN ENCOURAGED TO SPEND THE EVENING AT THE AID OR EMBASSY BUILDINGS, AND A SIGNIFICANT PORTION OF THE MISSION COMMUNITY HAS RESPONDED TO THE REQUEST. CLO IS PROVIDING CHILD CARE AND ENTERTAINMENT WHILE CONSULAR OFFICERS WORK WITH ADULT

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DEPENDENTS ON NECESSARY PAPERWORK. CONSULAR SECTION ESTIMATES IT HAS HANDLED AT LEAST 100 CALLS FROM USCITS CONCERNED ABOUT THE SITUATION.

DCM MET WITH THOSE EMPLOYEES AND DEPENDENTS ASSEMBLED AT THE CHANCERY BUILDING, AND URGED THEM TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE FLIGHT 11/30.

5. HOSTAGE TAKING: ESAF REPORTS THAT THE FMLN MAY HAVE AS MANY AS 200 PEOPLE TRAPPED IN THIS AREA, SOME AS DE FACTO HOSTAGES. WE BELIEVE ONE EMBOFF IS CURRENTLY TRAPPED IN A HOUSE OCCUPIED BY FMLN FORCES. WE HAVE RECEIVED FMLN ASSURANCES THAT U.S. PERSONNEL WILL NOT BE HARMED.

6. VOLUNTARY DEPARTURE: EMBASSY HAS PREPARED TRAVEL ORDERS, INITIAL TRAVEL ADVANCES AND OTHER PAPERWORK FOR DEPENDENTS OPTING TO ACCEPT VOLUNTARY DEPARTURE. EMBASSY HAS ALSO ARRANGED FOR NECESSARY TRANSPORT FROM EMBASSY TO AIRPORT FOR 11/30. AS REQUESTED SEPTTEL, EMBASSY IS CURRENTLY GIVING PRIORITY TO US OFFICIALS AND DEPENDENTS WHO FACE A GREATER THREAT AT THIS TIME.

7. NOB: AMBASSADOR ACCEPTED FBO OFFICER THOMAS FARLEY'S RECOMMENDATION THAT WORK ON THE NOB BE SUSPENDED FOR AT LEAST 30 DAYS. FBO CONTRACTORS WILL BE AMONG THOSE DEPARTING POST 11/30.

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